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LAST ONE IS HELD
CONVENTIONS ARE NOW A
THING OF THE PAST IN
DODGE CITY

THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATION
Elected at Last Friday's Con-
vention to State and Con-
gressional Conventions.

Probably the last convention that will ever be held in Ford county was held at the court house last Friday afternoon, when the Republican delegates met to select other delegates to represent this county at the Congressional and State conventions. From now on the Primary law will be in practice and instead of a convention there will be an election to nominate a party ticket. The convention has been a part of the history of the country so long that it will seem strange to jog along without it.

At Friday's convention there was a fine representation of Republicans from all parts of the county. Only three precincts were not represented.

By the action of the convention Ford county will be represented at the Congressional at Hutchinson on March 12nd by the following delegates: Frank Millikan, W. S. Marlon, J. A. Arment, G. L. Finley, L. E. Pendleton, J. C. Lyons and P. R. Hobbie.

The following were elected as delegates to the State convention, which will meet at Topeka on March 4th: W. R. Gordon, C. M. Beeson, A. Russell, L. J. Pettijohn, E. L. Smith, E. N. Slocum and V. A. Walker.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman L. A. Madison, and A. Russell was elected chairman and Richard Evans, secretary. The usual committees were appointed and while they were preparing their reports, Lieutenant Governor Fitzgerald was called out for a speech. Mr. Fitzgerald said in part:

"I had no suspicion of being impressed to make a talk to this convention. Your draft came wholly unexpected and finds me, like other drafted statesmen, unprepared. I have been afflicted with so many arguments and speeches lately that in a measure at least, I can appreciate the punishment now in store for you.

This is perhaps the last Republican convention that will be held in Ford county for some years, and its passing is accompanied with regret. As I see the familiar, friendly faces, I recall the splendid support you gave me when I needed it, and I desire to thank you for it, and to express my gratitude and my appreciation of your cordial greeting.

To merit the esteem of one's countrymen, to deserve well of one's commonwealth is a laudable ambition in any man. There is but one higher gratification for a public servant, and that is the consciousness that in the administration of his office he has been governed by his judgment and his conscience, and that he has done his duty as he understood it under the law. To place country above self, to serve the whole people and thus serve one's party, and to put all of these above personal ambition, this is refined twentieth century Republicanism.

The Republicans of the state and the nation are fortunate indeed that but few of their servants have put personal ambition above party and country. The Governor of our commonwealth just recently assembled the legislature in extraordinary session. In the judgment of a majority of the best minds of the state, no real emergency existed for such action and the measures proposed could await the regular session without loss or harm to any one or any interest. However, having been assembled, the legislature proceeded promptly to the consideration of the measures suggested by the Executive. The primary so long an issue has become a reality, and our next officials will be nominated by direct vote of the people. We who live in this section of the state will be greatly disappointed with the result in my judgment, but the people demanded it and let them give it a fair trial.

The tax and revenue laws were amended so as to limit the total sum raised by taxation this year to five per cent above last year's total.

Two laws relating to banks and banking were enacted which in time will go far in solving the question of protection to depositors. These measures are calculated to make the Bank Commissioner's office more effective in the examination and supervision of banks, and to increase the capital stock. Banks as a rule are ruined not by their depositors, but by their owners or managers. The danger is from within not without, and the first thing to do is to furnish adequate means and facilities to the Bank Commissioner's office to enforce our splendid banking laws. Take care of the inside and no antidote will be needed for the depositors.

There are still a few banks in Kansas like the one that failed at Ellinwood, doing a dishonest and speculative business, and it is inequitable and unjust to charge their speculations and gambling defaults to the good sound banks. If the state banks are to be chained together, they

should first all be brought upon the same standard of solvency and honesty, by forced liquidation of the weak and insolvent ones or by their recapitalization. Frequent, rigid, efficient examinations and prosecution of violations of the laws will accomplish much in that direction, and if the bank commissioner will use wisely and effectively all the means and facilities now given him, if he will pay more attention to his banks on the inside and less to politics, he will accomplish much for stockholders and depositors. Our banks came through the panic stronger than ever in cash reserve and in public confidence.

An efficient administration with the means and facilities now in hand, should make impossible such tragic failures as that at Ellinwood. The practices and policies which lead up to such ruin and death do not develop in a day or a week or a month, but run through months and sometimes years.

Violations of the law are insignificant apparently at first, but emboldened by successes they become serious and menace human life and happiness and the prosperity of communities. When the first offenses are detected is the time to invoke the law. Condone the lesser offenses and ruin and crime will surely follow.

The Republican party in state and in the nation can face the next campaign with a confidence of duty faithfully and honestly performed. Our president's motto has been, observe, obey and enforce the laws, that all shall stand equal before the law. That every man shall have equal opportunity regardless of position or influence and that all violators of the law be punished alike regardless of influence or wealth or station in life.

The administration of Theodore Roosevelt has had a wholesome influence. His courageous, honest personality has left a lasting impression on our national life. The administration of the affairs of our state have been conducted in such a manner as to be entirely free from criticism by even our opponents, and the next campaign will not be personal as the last, for there is no breath of scandal or suspicion attaching to the administration of any state office.

Your servants are doing their whole duty under the law and will be able to give a good account of themselves. Their records reflect honor upon themselves, credit and confidence upon their party and give assurance of a verdict again in its favor in November 1908 in the state and the nation."

After the return of the committees the following resolutions were adopted:

We, the Republicans of Ford county, Kansas, in convention assembled, hereby express our continued allegiance to the principles of the Republican party, and steadfastly believing that these principles are courageously advocated by the Hon. William H. Taft and recognizing in him an able leader and a statesman of the highest character, we endorse his candidacy for the office of President of the United States.

We are proud of the record that is being made in the House of Representatives of the United States by our fellow citizen, the Hon. E. H. Madison; We commend him for his loyalty to his constituents and for his earnest advocacy of practical and effective legislation; We are most heartily in favor of returning him to the Congress of the United States as our representative and hereby pledge to him our support.

As neighbors we take a personal pride in the record of the Hon. W. J. Fitzgerald, Lieutenant Governor of Kansas, and as Republicans we admire and commend the ability and courage he has shown as presiding officer of the senate of this state; We heartily endorse his official acts and pledge to him our support for re-election.

We endorse the candidacy of the Hon. L. F. Kinnison for delegate to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago.

F. W. TYLER.
CARL VAN RIVER.
V. A. WALKER.
As soon as the delegates had been elected the convention adjourned.

Missionary Meeting.
The ladies of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church entertained their husbands last Friday evening at the home of their president Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick.

After a song and prayer followed by a short business session, a fine program on the subject, "Children of the sun are Negroes", was given as follows:

Scripture reading and talk..... Mrs. Bayouset.
Selection by trio..... Mesdames Rose, Woodbury and W. V. Brown.
Paper, "View Point"..... Mrs. Woodbury.
Report of the year..... Mrs. Catlin.
Quartet Selection..... Mesdames Rose, Woodbury, Brown and Madison.
Outline of missionary work being done in the United States and where the missionaries are located..... Mrs. Rose.
Violin solo, piano accompaniment..... Miss Clark and Mrs. Madison.
Reading..... Mrs. Goddard.
Reading..... Miss Beniah Gilpin.
Instrumental duet..... Misses Clark and Ruth Lillie.
Talk and closing prayer by Rev. Imboden.
Following the program a pleasant social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments were served. There were about sixty present.

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GAS AND ITS CENTENARY.
Illuminant Was First Looked Upon
with Much Alarm.

Gas, as a practical illuminant, passed its century mark on January 23. On that day in 1807 there was in London "a new and singular spectacle," according to the account of a visitor, "the whole range of Pall Mall, from St. James' to Cockspur street, was lighted up by means of lamps fed with gas instead of cotton and oil, and certainly in a style of much superior brilliancy. This was the first instance of street lighting by coal gas in London, or in any other city. The merit of the enterprise is due to Winsor, a German company-promoting expert, who was especially interested in the question of economic fuel. His pamphlets, however, contained so much extravagant fanaticism and quackery that they retarded rather than furthered his schemes, which met with an extraordinary amount of opposition, even from enlightened people.

Sir Walter Scott wrote that there was a madman proposing to light London with smoke. Awful consequences were predicted. The gas would poison the air and blow up the inhabitants; it was explosive, dangerous, offensive and unmanageable; the pipes conveying it would be hot and apt to produce conflagrations. The lamplighters to a man opposed the new mode of street lighting, and it is curious to notice the great hesitation as to its possibility expressed in contemporary scientific and popular literature.

When a chartered company was at length formed in 1810, the shareholders were pitted as idiots; and David Pollock, for 30 years its governor, received some extraordinary answers in doggerel rhyme from otherwise sober and staid individuals whom he had asked to take shares.

MAN OF STRANGE CHARACTER.
First Duke of Marlborough Well Called
Human Enigma.

Herbert Paul, in his book on Queen Anne of England, paints a new picture of the great duke of Marlborough.

He was not truthful. He was not straightforward. He was not honest. In his love of money and his capacity for hoarding it he rivaled those wretched misers who have done no more than contemplate their gains. And yet, such are the strange freaks in which nature indulges, this mean and selfish intriguer was endowed with perfect courage, with an irresistible charm of manner, with a temper which even his wife failed to disturb, with a brain that no sophistry could obscure, and with a military genius before which criticism is humbly silent.

He was treacherous even in a treacherous age. Wholly devoid of cruelty, and by nature humane, he is said never to have sacrificed an unnecessary life. He used his fellow-creatures for his own purposes, and when he had no further use for them he forgot their existence. He made his plans and carried them out with the absolute efficiency of sheer intelligence and the serene implacability of impersonal fate.

An Old-Time Playful Prisoner.
The centenary has been noted recently in London of what the Annual Register called "a most unparalleled atrocity." It was only the theft of a pocket handkerchief from a pocket; but the circumstances of the deed explain the vehemence of this denunciation. Four men were on their trial for assaulting a man in his house at Ponder's End, putting him in fear and stealing from him; and one of them relieved the tedium of the trial, which lasted eight hours, by picking the pocket of one of the turnkeys as he stood in the dock. An official had the presence of mind to order the restoration of the handkerchief, and the prisoner obeyed, "with the most careless indifference," but the court, we read, "were horror-struck." Justice, however, pulled itself together sufficiently to sentence all four men to death.

BUY WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO
SELL AND SELL WHEN PEOPLE
WANT TO BUY

The above motto hangs in the office of the Rothschilds, in London, England. They are without doubt the wealthiest family in the world today, and close observance of this rule is the secret of their success. For every one that has something to sell, there is a buyer somewhere, and for the person that wants to buy there is someone that has that particular thing to sell. The great problem is to bring seller and buyer together. I am in position to bring this class of people together. I have some gilt edge propositions to exchange for some of that land you want to dispose of. Nice stock of hardware for land. Flour mill for land. Telephone system for land. Set of drugstore fixtures for land. Numerous other exchanges. I have cash buyers that want western land. Write to me and tell me what you have, I will treat you square. If you want to exchange your land for merchandise, write me.

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